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Oman rejects troops; Syria mediating Gulf

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Oct. 7 — Oman Sunday again denied that it wants to use foreign troops to defend the Gulf, while at the same time indications surfaced that Syria is attempting to mediate between Iran and Arab states at the other end of the Gulf.

In Damascus, Iranian Deputy Premier Sadeq Tabatabai said Syrian President Hafez Assad had offered to try and settle the differences between Iran on one hand and northern Gulf Arab states on the other.

He said Assad was acting as a mediator to "curb attempts by the supporters of imperialism and Zionism to discredit relations between the Iranian revolution and neighboring countries."

His statement was a clear reference to the strained relations between Iran and Bahrain and Kuwait, which resulted from statements by some Iranian leaders that Iran should revive its claim to Bahrain.

Meanwhile in Jeddah, Omani Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Rowas cabled Arab News that there is no truth to the reports that an Omani plan for Gulf security involves the assembling of a foreign force.

"But the Sultanate's means are limited, and it therefore follows that all countries which are beneficiaries of this traffic (through the straits of Hormuz) — both oil producers and consumers — should participate in providing the financial and technical resources required," he said.

The Omani plan for defending the vital straits, through which much of the world's oil supplies pass, would involve getting Western powers such as the United States to put up the \$100 million Oman feels is necessary to create an adequate defense force.

As it has been for some weeks now, the Gulf Sunday was the scene of intense activity, with consultations going on among Gulf Arab states, Arab mediators, Iranian officials, and even a British cabinet member.

And in Muscat, U.S. Ambassador Marshall W. Wall met with senior Omani officials. While no details were released of their talks, they were characterized as having been on "bilateral relations and matters of mutual concern."

In Damascus, British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Douglas Hurd said he sees no justification for stationing British troops to the Gulf area at present.

He said only a foreign military threat to the Gulf might make Britain change its mind.

Also in Damascus, the government announced that Deputy Syrian Foreign Minister Nasser Qaddour left Saturday for Kuwait and Bahrain with messages for the rulers of those two states.

Qaddour returned to Damascus Sunday after delivering the pair of messages, and after his return a Kuwaiti minister confirmed that they dealt with efforts to reduce tensions in the Gulf.

Kuwaiti Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Abdul Aziz Hussein said the message from Assad to the Ruler of Kuwait concerned, "the exchange of views on the current situation in the region, the elimination of tension and the mobilization of efforts in the interest of all nations in the area."

In statements by Tabatabai in Damascus and by Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan in Tehran, Iran again over the weekend sought to defuse the tension by denying it had any aggressive designs against its Arab neighbors.

Tabatabai said on arrival in Damascus Saturday that he would hold talks with Assad and other Syrian leaders on "the unintentional misunderstanding with some Gulf states."

And Bazargan said in Tehran Sunday that Iran's relations with its Arab neighbors were based on friendship, fraternity and cordiality.

The official Pars News Agency quoted him as saying Iran has no expansionist designs against any of its neighbors in the Gulf, and characterized the recent tensions as a "conspiracy to foment trouble between Iran and its Arab neighbors."

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Qabas* said that Tabatabai — who went from Damascus to Beirut Sunday for talks with Lebanese leaders — is to arrive in Kuwait Monday in a further attempt to cool off the situation.

Kuwaiti Minister Hussein has also said that relations between Iran and Kuwait are based on mutual respect, but new concerns over the Iranian situation were raised Sunday when another Kuwaiti newspaper reported new Iranian military maneuvers in the Gulf.

The newspaper *Al-Qabas* said an Iranian destroyer and two missile boats had arrived in the territorial waters of the Tumb Islands off Oman, joining two destroyers already there.

The Iranian navy has been conducting extensive maneuvers throughout the Gulf of Oman in recent weeks, adding to the tensions caused by the territorial claims on Bahrain by some Iranian leaders.

Iran's government has said the naval maneuvers are purely defensive in nature, and has disavowed the statements claiming Bahrain.

As a further indication of that concern, Bahrain announced Saturday that Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa will pay official visits to Iraq and Kuwait on Monday.

In making the announcement of Khalifa's trip, the official Gulf News Agency said the tour was part of consultations among Gulf states to arrive at a "common security perception and to determine responsibilities" in the face of threats to the region's stability.

Kuwait and Iraq were the first Gulf states to back Bahrain in its dispute with Iran, and Iraq and Iran have also been feuding over a Kurdish rebellion against Iran's government which Tehran says is being fueled by Baghdad.



President Assad

Hoss gets summit approval

JEDDAH, Oct. 7 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Sunday agreed in principle to Lebanon's recent request for a special Arab summit meeting in combat Israeli aggression in South Lebanon.

The announcement came from Crown Prince Fahd, who held talks here Saturday and Sunday with Lebanese Prime Minister Selim Hoss.

But Prince Fahd said the time and place for the summit had not yet been decided, and that consultations are still taking place among Arab states to make the arrangements.

The Crown Prince's announcement came soon after Hoss left Jeddah for home Sunday.



LEAVES: Lebanese Prime Minister Dr. Salim Hoss left Jeddah Sunday after talks with Crown Prince Fahd.

afternoon at the end of his 34-hour visit. Hoss was seen off at the airport here by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, who was a major participant in the talks between the two countries.

Prior to his departure Hoss called his talks here "positive" and paid tribute to Prince Fahd's "deep understanding of the Lebanese problem."

He said he expected such a meeting to come up with a strong and unified position to make certain that United Nations resolutions on South Lebanon are enforced instead of being ignored by Israel.

"This will enable to international peacekeeping forces in the South to carry out its mission and prevent Israel from continuing its aggression," he said.

He said that because of the coming pilgrimage season a summit on Lebanon in the next month would be impractical, but added that he hoped one could be held during the first two weeks of December.

In his statement after the Lebanese premier's departure, Prince Fahd said that the Kingdom continues to stand by the well-known position of helping to ensure the dignity of the Lebanese people.

The problems of Southern Lebanon — including repeated Israeli raids on towns, villages and Palestinian camps and additional attacks by renegade Lebanese army Maj. Saad Haddad — are ones shared by all Arabs, he said.

"We hope to find a suitable solution for it," Prince Fahd said. Saudi Arabia will do all it can to help the people of South Lebanon, he said, "for the sake of brotherly Lebanon."

The Kingdom will help morally, financially, politically and even militarily to find a solution to the crisis there, he added.

"There are no obstacles to a settlement in South Lebanon as long as the will is there," he said, but he added that as far as the prop-

osed summit goes no Arab state can speak for any other Arab state.

Hoss' visit here was part of a continuing Lebanese diplomatic offensive begun by President Elias Sarkis a month ago to rally Arab states around the idea of a summit on the problems of the South.

That has included sending special envoys of Sarkis to most Arab states, and two had already visited the Kingdom to lay the groundwork for the Hoss trip.

In his statement prior to leaving here for Beirut, Hoss said he did not intend to visit any of the Gulf states as part of the current diplomatic offensive, although they have gotten visits from other Arab states in his efforts to set up the meeting.

He suggested that Tunis, the new site of the headquarters of the Arab League, would be an ideal location for the conference, but added that this, too, would be a subject for consultations among the Arab states.

During Sunday's meetings prior to his departure, Hoss talked privately with Prince Fahd and Prince Abdullah for about 30 minutes, then high-ranking delegations from both countries joined the discussions.

The Kingdom was represented by Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Sheikh Ibrahim Abdullah Al-Anqari, Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thamany, and Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Ali Al-Shaer.

Lebanese participants in the talks included Secretary General of the Council of Ministers Dr. Omar Sika, Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry Kismoun Lebki, Lebanese Ambassador Nasser Al-Hassan and Supreme Defense Council Secretary General Brig. Gen. Nabil Quraymah.

Saudi-bound ship found in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Oct. 7 (SPA) — Lebanese Prime Minister Dr. Salim Hoss said Saturday a Jeddah-bound merchant ship whose course was diverted in Lebanese waters "is now in the custody of Lebanese port authorities."

An official statement released in Beirut Sunday said Dr. Hoss had issued a court order to impound the ship, the *Sarawani*. The statement added that the ship, her captain and crew were also taken into custody pending completion of investigation into the diversion of the vessel's course.

Press reports have earlier claimed that about 28 cargo-laden ships bound for Saudi and Arab ports have been diverted and their goods unloaded at certain Lebanese ports.

Dr. Hoss telephoned security officials while in Jeddah Sunday morning to enquire about the latest developments.

He said that customs authorities, "in cooperation with the Arab Deterrent Force, have carried out the court order to immobilize the ship until the investigation is over, and suitable measures have been taken, including the application of penalties on whoever is found guilty."

Israel: Sinai pact to change

TEL AVIV, Oct. 7 (AP) — Israel said Sunday it would seek changes of a tentative agreement with the United States and Egypt on supervising peace arrangements in the Sinai Desert.

Cabinet secretary Arleh Naor announced that Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan had been instructed to submit "proposals for amendments and clarifications" to the agreement negotiated last month in Washington by Dayan, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Egyptian Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali.

While Naor said the cabinet, at its regular weekly meeting, had accepted the agreement "in principle," the call for revisions appeared to be a snag that would require new negotiations. Egypt said Friday that it had accepted the Sinai arrangement, and it may not be happy to return for new talks.

Details of the agreement have not been officially published, but it is known to include a stepped-up role for American civilians.

The Egyptian Defense Minister, Gen. Ali, said in a television interview over the weekend that the Americans would accompany Egyptian patrols of the limited forces area on the Egyptian side of the line. Ali also said the Sinai arrangements called for separate Israeli and Egyptian patrols to inspect a buffer zone.

But Israel disclosed two years ago that it had developed a drone called the "Mini-RPV" which flew at subsonic speeds and transmitted a constant television picture to ground monitors.

The drone, whose wingspan is about a meter and a half, is made of fiberglass and can be used repeatedly because of its normal landing gear.

Earlier Saturday three Israeli warplanes flew over Sicon and Palestinian camps along the southern Lebanese coast, drawing heavy gunfire from local residents said.

The Israeli planes did not attack. The anti-aircraft fire apparently did not hit the planes, the residents added.

Israeli drone fails to return

TEL AVIV, Oct. 7 (R) — A remote-controlled Israeli aircraft failed to return to Israeli territory after a reconnaissance mission over Syria and Lebanon, an army spokesman said Sunday.

The drone may have been brought down by hostile fire over Syria, the spokesman said. He did not specify when the incident took place.

There were no further official details. But military sources said Israel has used drone-type aircraft for information-gathering purposes over Syria for some time.

There was no indication from military authorities on what type of drone was involved.

18 students arrested in Beir Zeit

TEL AVIV, Oct. 7 (AP) — High school students in the occupied West Bank held a stone-throwing demonstration against the Israeli occupation and 18 students were arrested, the Israeli radio reported.

A military spokesman confirmed that troops broke up a demonstration at the Amir Hassan School in Beir Zeit, five miles north of Jerusalem. "The soldiers cleared stones

blocking the road and took several students for questioning," he said.

The radio said the students were demanding that the military government re-enroll several pupils from neighboring towns who were expelled, reportedly for political activity.

The demonstration came two weeks after a similar demonstration in Beir Zeit, a center of Palestinian nationalism.

Britain criticizes Israeli settlement policy

DAMASCUS, Oct. 7 (R) — British Minister of State at the Foreign Office Douglas Hurd Sunday criticized Israel's settlement policy in the occupied territories and said it impeded a comprehensive Middle East peace agreement.

Hurd, speaking to reporters in the Syrian capital before flying to Beirut, added that any Mideast accord that did not take into account the broad aspirations of the Palestinians could not be lasting.

He said the British government believed that United Nations Resolution 242 did not adequately take into account Palestinian rights and could be amended to rectify this.

Resolution 242 was passed by the U.N. Security Council after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. It calls for the recognition of Israel and the withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied territories.

But although it calls for a settlement of the Palestinian refugee problem it makes no mention of a homeland for the Palestinians.

Asked about Britain's attitude to the Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt, Hurd said: "Let's wait and see the result of the Palestinian autonomy talks going on now between Egypt and Israel."

If the talks made progress Britain would ask its Arab friends to revise their opposition to Camp David, he told reporters.

Sunday morning Hurd met Syrian President Hafez Assad and said the two were in broad agreement on the need to reach a just and comprehensive peace in the area. But they disagreed on how to achieve this, he added.

Assad was quoted by official sources as reiterating to Hurd the view that "the right place to discuss the 'Middle East problem' is the United Nations."

The Syrian president added that the achievement of a Middle Eastern peace was in the interest of the whole world. He expressed satisfaction at Britain's interest in the Middle East and added:

"We side with the peace that leads to the liberation of occupied territories. The Camp David agreements amount to imposing peace on the Arab nation."

In another development Egypt Sunday expressed concern over an election pledge made by Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark to move Canada's Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

A Canadian special envoy to the Middle East told reporters in Cairo after meeting with Premier Mustapha Khalil that the Egyptian attitude toward the pledge "is one of concern about any such step being taken by Canada."

The envoy, Robert Stanfield, arrived in Cairo Saturday on a six-day visit for talks with Egyptian officials as part of a Middle Eastern tour which followed warnings of an Arab boycott of Canada if the pledge was carried out.

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Fed ups lending rate to 12%

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 (AP) — The Federal Reserve Board, trying to dampen worsening domestic inflation and a fluctuating gold market and to support the dollar, raised its bank lending rate by a full one per cent Saturday night.

In increasing its so-called discount rate to 12 per cent, it acted only 19 days after it had raised the rate to 11 per cent, then the highest it had ever been.

The latest action, the third increase by the Fed since Aug. 16, was announced by board chairman Paul Volcker. It won immediate praise from the White House.

The move came two days after the government announced that domestic wholesale prices shot up 1.4 per cent last month, the largest increase in five years. Also last week, gold prices hit \$444 an ounce before closing Friday at \$385.50 in both London and Zurich.

White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said the action "will help reduce inflationary expectations, contribute to a stronger U.S. dollar abroad, and curb unhealthy speculations in commodity markets."

"The administration believes that success in reducing inflationary pressures will lead in due course both to lower rates of price increases and to lower interest rates."

"We believe these measures will work to bring money supply and credit under surer control," Volcker told reporters at an unusual Saturday night briefing. He stressed that the interest rate increases were not meant completely to cut off credit at a time when the United States economy appears to have entered a recession.

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King's Libya trip lauded as evidence of solidarity

RIYADH, Oct. 7 (SPA) — Libyan Foreign Secretary Ali Treki says that the exchange of visits between King Khaled and head of state Muammar Qaddafi was the evidence of an Arab solidarity not seen before.

He said relations between Saudi Arabia and Libya were excellent, and had improved even further after the visits. The King's visit to Libya would serve the interests of the Arab and Islamic worlds, and the new solidarity had greatly improved the chances of a Middle East settlement on Arab and Palestinian terms.

In an interview published by *Al-Jazirah* Sunday, Treki said he hoped that the U.N. General Assembly will adopt a resolution condemning the Camp David agreements and supporting the

Palestinian cause.

He said that the awakening of "black consciousness" in the United States was a natural development, the start of America realizing that its policy toward the Arab world and the Palestinian cause was harmful to its interests.

In other foreign policy developments, *Al-Medina* reported Sunday that Minister of Foreign Affairs Prince Saud Al-Faisal will leave the United States Wednesday. He has held talks with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and other senior American officials.

He has already met Arab foreign ministers attending the General Assembly, which he addressed at the weekend. He also held talks with the Iranian foreign minister, Ibrahim Yazdi.

The paper reported that he had

met the editors of some leading American publications, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Star* and *Time*.

He told them that peace in the Middle East could be immediately achieved if Israel would only abandon its obstinacy and groundless anxiety.

The Palestinians, through the PLO, should take part in peace talks that recognize their rights, including the right to self-determination. Jerusalem should be returned to Arab sovereignty, with access guaranteed for followers of the three monotheistic religions.

He also confirmed to them that the Kingdom's decision to extend its higher limit on oil production until the end of the year was a result of its sense of international responsibility.

The increase will not be permanent, and Saudi Arabia will revise its petroleum policy by January. The Kingdom hoped other countries would participate in fulfilling their responsibilities.

He said that although Saudi Arabia did not link its petroleum policies with politics, that principle was by no means absolute.

In West Germany, the newspaper *Deutsche Zeitung* published a statement by Sheikh Muhammad Nouri Ibrahim, the Kingdom's ambassador to Bonn, repeating that the oil lifting increase is only temporary.



SCHOOL CHILDREN: Boys walk to school in Al-Ula, in the north of the Kingdom. The new school year started Saturday.

A desk for every girl

Saudi women run Jeddah schools

JEDDAH, Oct. 7 — All the women teachers and administrative staff at primary schools here are Saudi Arabian, Western Region Director of Girls' Education Abdul Rahman Al-Othman says.

He said that the last group of graduates from the Women's Teachers' Training Institutes filled the gap and a second group will shortly be appointed.

But foreign teachers are still needed for intermediate schools, where Saudi university graduates with bachelor degrees have been taken on, bringing the total of Saudi teachers to nearly 30 per

cent of the teaching and 100 per cent of the administrative staff.

Othman said the new schools opened this year made it possible to give a desk to every girl of school age, Saudis and foreigners alike.

Jeddah has eight girls' secondary schools, 16 intermediate and 172 primary ones.

This year 200 adult literacy schools were opened in the country, bringing the total to 1,939 schools with 5,615 classes and 8,725 teachers.

The new schools were opened in Riyadh, Hama, Dammam, Jeddah,

Mecca, Taif, Abha, Aflaj, Baha, Bisha, Tabuk, Jauif, Jizan, Hail, Sudair, Qasim Qunfuza, Medina, Najran, Washm, Unaiza, and Athraf Al-Dawasi.

SABIC opens display center

JEDDAH, Oct. 7 — The Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) here has opened an information wing on its projects. It has films, displays and books in several languages to show visitors Saudi Arabia's progress in industry.

Dutch delegation here to follow floating fair

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Oct. 7 — A delegation of Dutch businessmen who took part in the world's largest floating trade fair last January are back in town, but they will be leaving Tuesday to seek opportunities in Dammam.

They were participants in the Netherlands' ship-borne "Holland Expo" which docked at the Jeddah port for a week last January and then went on to tour Arab Gulf ports displaying their wares.

That trip saw what the Dutch Embassy in Jeddah estimates as 100,000 visitors to exhibits by 200 Dutch and Dutch-related companies — some 10,000 visitors in Jeddah alone.

Dutch officials, who said the sea-going show was a great success, say it took them two years to put it together, even though the cruise itself lasted only three weeks on board the converted Swedish ferry *Tor Scandinavia*.

Ports visited in January, in addition to Jeddah, included Abu Dhabi, Doha, Bahrain, Kuwait and Dammam.

The aim, according to Dutch officials interviewed at the time, was to increase trade between the Netherlands and the Gulf Arab states.

The \$5 million undertaking — 30 per cent subsidized by the Dutch government — included not only representatives of the companies involved on board to show off their products and manufacturing processes, but also a

full complement of Dutch officials.

This tour, however, is much smaller, and much less ambitious. Dutch Embassy officials told *Arab News* this week, but nonetheless represents the first organized effort to capitalize on the floating fair.

"The positive and enthusiastic reactions from the nearly 10,000 visitors from Jeddah on board the 'Holland Expo' have made us decide to give a follow-up exhibition with a selected group of companies in order to renew the contacts made on one side, and to intensify already existing business on the other," one said.

"Holland Expo" offered the Jeddah businessmen the possibility to get an overall impression of what the Netherlands has to offer in different fields of industry.

The floating exhibition, he said, had been dubbed, "the greatest show on sea," and was not only the largest floating trade fair ever mounted but also the largest of any kind ever mounted by the Dutch.

The smaller group in town now represents industries ranging from tea suppliers to industrial cooling and freezing equipment, and also includes chemicals, fertilizers, electrical equipment, building materials, diamond drill, dairy products, stationary tobacco products, ceramic tiles, earthenware, furniture, plastic goods and kitchen equipment.

Ministry to tackle fraud involving foreign labor

JEDDAH, Oct. 7 — Because of the number of cases of forgery and fraud involving foreign workers here, Saudi employers have been advised to complete contract forms in full before sending them abroad, it was reported Sunday.

The Director of the Consular Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Riyadh said measures were being taken to prevent further frauds being committed.

Speaking to *Arab News* Saturday visiting Indian Labor Minister Fazal Rahman said he discussed the problem of unscrupulous recruitment agencies in India with

the Labor Minister, B. K. P. Singh, at their talks this day.

Some workers are offering promising contracts which do not always materialize, he said. At the same time some contractors have not fulfilled their promises of work, wages and accommodation.

Meanwhile, a Ministry official said the ban on adult relatives entering the country still stands and only wives and children are allowed to join foreign residents.

In the last 21 days the Consular Department issued 10,000 visas for families, individuals and groups of workers.

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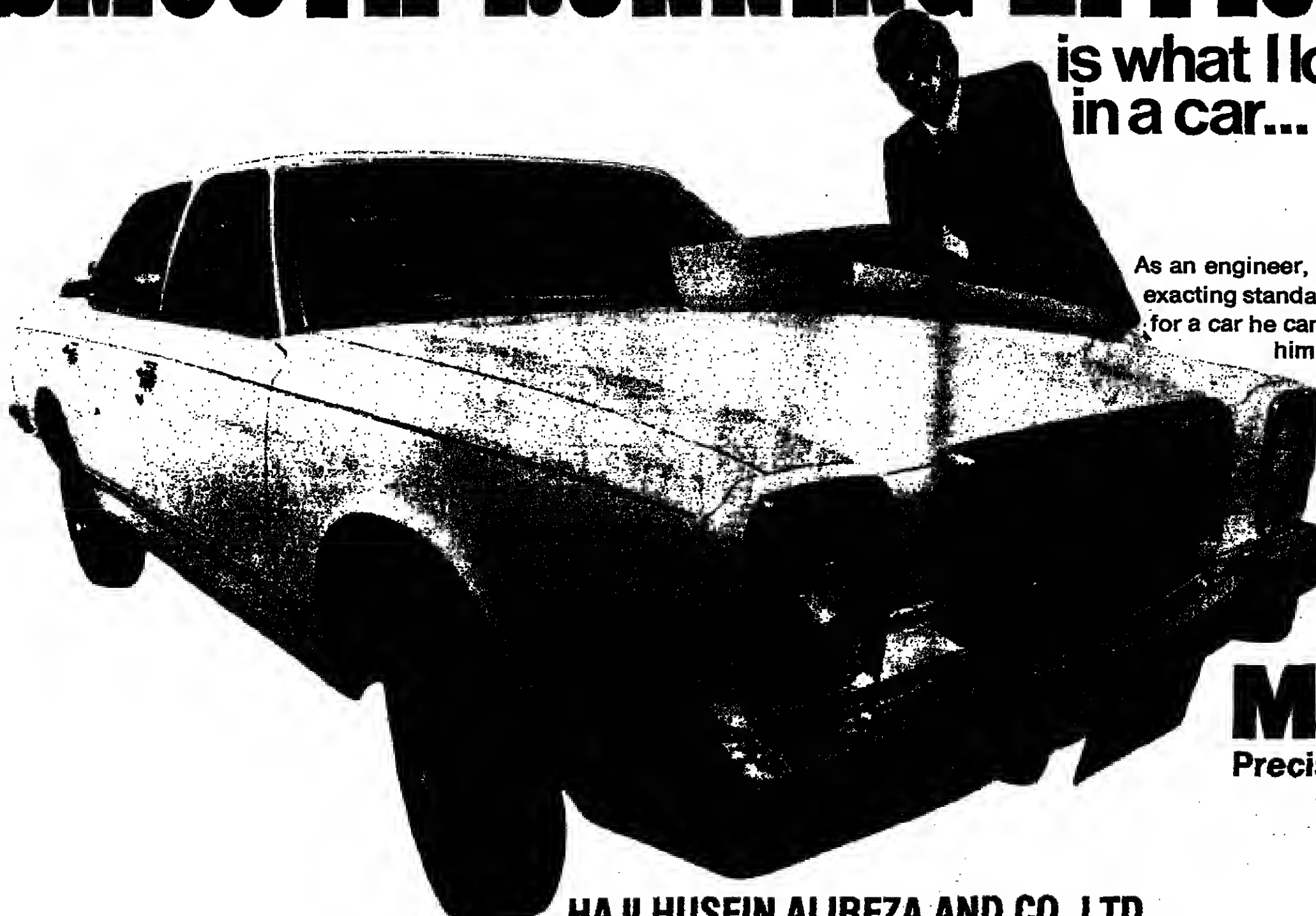
Winds will be moderate and variable. They may be easterly and active in the central, northern and eastern regions, raising sand occasionally.

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Riyadh landlords get compensation totaling SR1.6b

JEDDAH, Oct. 7 — Riyadh Municipality has allocated SR1.6 billion as compensation for demolished properties. It has already begun giving out the money.

Riyadh Mayor Abdullah Al-Sayid told the newspaper *Al-Madina* that a committee had been set up to study the claims and order the compensation.

In Hadda Mayor Ahmad Abdul-Sayid said that SR41,711,000 had been earmarked for compensation of lands used for public works in the area of Mubraz, according to the city council.

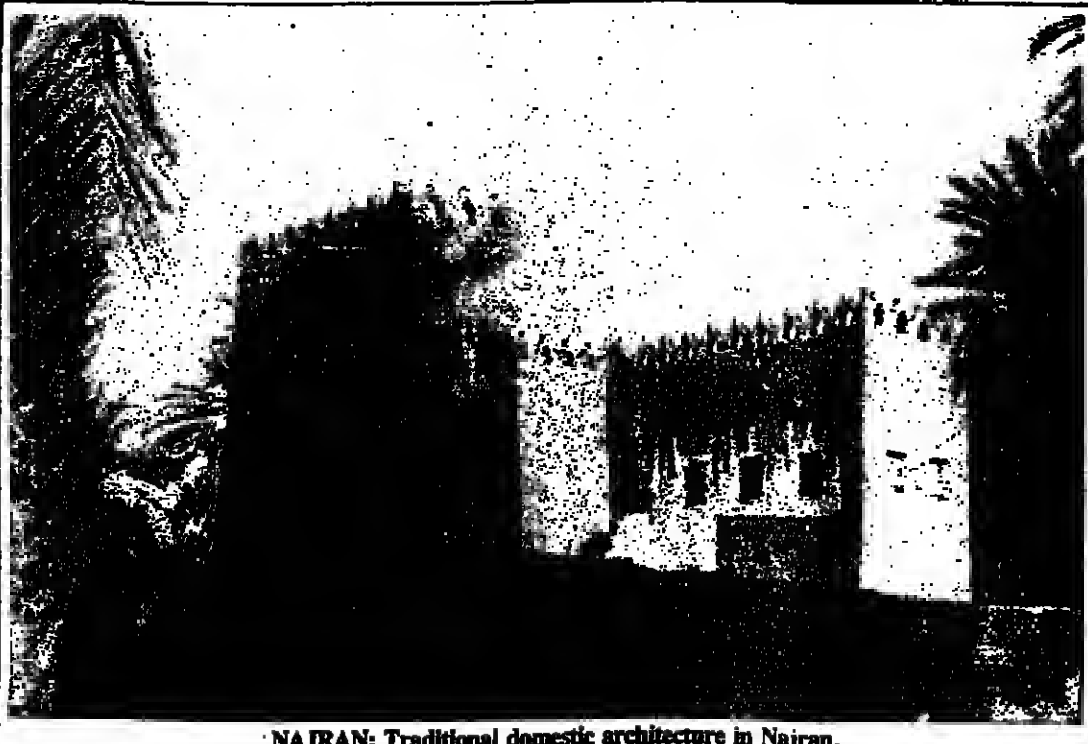
Abdullah said that the first phase of the beautification of the two cities was nearing completion and that so far SR96 million has been spent on lighting, sidewalks, parks and signs.

The agency also said that Qatif Municipality has been allocated SR111 million to compensate people for the removal of the present market place and the construction of parking lots. Acting Mayor Mansoor Al-Marzouq said all the streets will be asphalted and swamps drained.

Three gardens will meanwhile be built in Medina, according to the city council, and tenders will soon be invited. One of them will be an aviary, for which birds are being imported. The other two will be 30,000 square meters each and will have restaurants and recreational facilities.

According to *Al-Bilad* Sunday a SR500 million plan for the development of Biljurshi has been approved by Crown Prince Fahd. It includes demolishing old buildings, and developing new residential areas, asphalted streets and opening rural roads.

Mayor Abdul Aziz Muhammad Sultan has already awarded a contract to build a ring road around the town.



NAJRAN: Traditional domestic architecture in Najran.

American magazine survey

Kingdom said best credit risk in area

By a Staff Writer
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 — Saudi Arabia is the best credit risk in the Middle East, according to a worldwide survey by *Institutional Investor* magazine.

Saudi Arabia's rated 8.54, out of a possible 10, ahead of its closest Middle East competitor, Kuwait (with a rating of 7.93).

In addition, Saudi Arabia ranked 13th out of 93 countries around the world. The United States was first, with a rating of 9.89.

Saudi Arabia's international ranking was better than that of a number of Western European states, including Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Italy.

It was also the highest-ranked member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Kuwait was ranked 15th, Venezuela 24th, Iraq 41st, Nigeria 51st, and Iran 72nd.

Some 50 banks responded to the magazine's questionnaire, in June, and about 40 other international bankers were interviewed.

Reporting the results in its latest issue, the magazine says it believes they were "the most comprehensive and representative sampling of bankers' views on country creditworthiness ever compiled."

The magazine indicated Saudi Arabia would have received an even higher rating were it not for "bankers' misgivings about the political situation" in the Middle East.

On the risks involved in dealing with Middle Eastern countries, the magazine said British bankers felt "more comfortable in the region" than American, "largely because of historical ties and continuing influence."

In General, bankers do not believe it worthwhile comparing Iran's troubles and the situation in Saudi Arabia, the magazine said. One attributed Saudi stability to "the alliance of religious and secular power."

Saudi rulers are accessible, said another.

"Things run rather well" in the Kingdom, a third was quoted as saying. "Their social welfare system in its way works better than ours."

The Arab Gulf oil states, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Iraq, took the top six places in the Middle East.

In seventh place was Israel, with a 5.37 rating.

"The peace treaty hasn't made much difference in Israel's economic situation," the magazine noted, "but bankers generally concur that Israel's unique strategic position and the U.S. commitment to the country make all the difference in the world in evaluating its credit."

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By the end of September, 640 coin telephones were installed in nine different cities in the Kingdom.

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Every home will have one Dammam phone extension starts

JEDDAH, Oct. 7 — Work has begun in Dammam on a project that will give the city an additional 50,000 telephone lines.

Abdullah Abbas Al-Abbad, the director of automatic telephones in the Eastern Province, told *Al-Jazirah* Sunday that once it is completed there will be a telephone in every home. The first phase of work involves laying cables for 18,000 lines and building two exchanges to take an additional 20,000 lines.

He also said public coinbox telephones were being installed in Dammam, Alkhobar, Qatif, Siyahat, Ras Tanura, Abqaiq, Khafji and other settled areas.

Saudi Telephone meanwhile announced that all public call-boxes are to be converted to allow people to make long-distance direct-dialled calls.

An experiment in the summer at Riyadh airport proved successful, and the company has decided to extend the service.

A six-minute local conversation costs 10 Halalahs, and coin sets will accept 10, 50 and 100 Halalah coins, but do not give change. Instructions and rates are shown on cards in public telephones.

National calls are made from coin telephones in the same manner. Cards showing rates will be distributed in the near future.

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Jazairi sees Indian official

JEDDAH, Oct. 7 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazairi conferred Sunday with visiting Indian labor Minister Fazal Rahman on health cooperation between the two countries.

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Begin's hard line said alienating Americans

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 — Israel is rapidly losing support in the American "heartland" because of its intransigent stand on the Middle East peace process, according to a prominent American columnist.

The growing resentment of the American public toward Israel's hard-line negotiating stance could soon lead to "serious consequences," said Roscoe Drummond, a respected commentator on the American political scene.

Writing recently in the *Christian Science Monitor*, Drummond said he had traveled throughout the American Midwest recently and had spoken with "a wide cross-section" of people in the region.

"I found that Prime Minister Begin's hard line is alienating many Americans," he said. "A widespread view is that, while he may be winning some diplomatic battles with his friends, he is losing the peace."

Drummond concluded that "unless the gathering resentment among the American people over the Israeli negotiating stance is soon dissolved, it will lead to serious consequences."

Both Israel and the Arabs "will have to take some risks if they are going to reach a settlement," he said.

Drummond believed the Carter administration should pursue a balanced approach to the peace process.

Siding with either party, he said, would not encourage negotiations

but instead "would almost certainly have the opposite effect of driving (the two sides) farther apart."

But he noted that uncritical U.S. support for Israel "might momentarily help its advocate get a lot of American Jewish votes in 1980."

Drummond criticized Republican presidential aspirant Ronald Reagan for pursuing such a course.

Reagan recently wrote an article on the Middle East conflict "which persuaded experts who read it closely that he would like to see the U.S. base its negotiating policies totally on Israel's view of what should and should not be done to implement the Camp David agreements," Drummond said.

The columnist said he hoped Reagan would "have second thoughts about the diplomatic wisdom and even the political dividends of pursuing such a superficially inviting opportunity."

Nonaligned reject new bid to lash peace treaty

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 7 (R) — Ministers from the nonaligned states meeting here Saturday night rejected a new bid by Arab countries to condemn the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Egypt, whose delegation is headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Boutros Boutros Ghali, hailed the outcome as a victory for moderation.

The ministers are meeting to map out strategy for forthcoming United Nations debates. (See related story, Page 8)

Egyptian Ambassador Esmat Abdul Meguid said proposals sponsored by Libya and Iraq aimed at condemning the treaty were rejected.

Because of the attempts by hard-line states, the ministerial-level session here extended into Saturday instead of ending on schedule Friday night.



PAPAL SALUTE: Palestine Liberation Organization U.N. observer Zuhdi Terzi makes the traditional gesture of kissing the ring of Pope John Paul II Tuesday after the Pope called for the restoration of the rights of the Palestinians and an end to Israeli occupation of Jerusalem in a General Assembly speech. Following his address, Arab League representative at the United Nations Dr. Clouvis Maksoud lauded the Pope's stance on behalf of the league.

Zia extends deadline for party registration

RAWALPINDI, Oct. 7 (Agencies) — President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq has given political parties which ran afoul of new registration rules until Tuesday to file nominations for the Nov. 17 elections, Radio Pakistan said Sunday.

The original deadline was last Tuesday, but several parties which objected to new rules requiring them to register found their nominations rejected by authorities.

The balloting is to select a new civilian government for Pakistan.

The radio said such parties now will be given until Tuesday to file nominations. It said they have been asked to submit to the election commission their manifesto, program, names of office holders and number of members.

The announcement followed two days of meetings between Zia and the heads of political parties.

Those which had not succeeded in entering nominations were the Pakistan National Alliance, the National Democratic Party, the Pakistan People's Party and the Pakistan National Party.

Mufti Mahmood, leader of the



Mufti Mahmood, leader of the PNA, the largest party, said after meeting with Zia Saturday that more time was given, he would give his party members to file nominations for the elections.

The stance of the other parties toward the extension was not immediately known.

By last weekend's deadline only 14 out of more than 100 political parties had registered with the election commission.

Stanfield arrives for Egypt talks

CAIRO, Oct. 7 (AP) — Canadian special Mideast envoy Robert Stanfield arrived in Egypt Saturday for talks with top Egyptian officials that will ostensibly include Canada's plans to move its Israeli Embassy to Jerusalem.

Egypt has expressed its disapproval of the move on grounds the old sector of the holy city, annexed by Israel since 1967, is part of the West Bank of the Jordan River and should be restored to Arab sovereignty.

Jordan's cholera cases rise to 81

AMMAN, Oct. 7 (R) — The number of cholera cases reported in Jordan since the outbreak of the disease late in August rose to 81 with two new cases discovered Saturday. The ministry of health said 12 patients were still being treated in hospital but there had been no deaths.

Irish defense chief visits Beirut

BEIRUT, Oct. 7 (R) — Irish Defense Minister Robert Molloy flies to Beirut Monday at the start of a six-day Middle East trip to visit Irish troops serving with United Nations peace-keeping forces in South Lebanon. He will meet Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, Prime Minister Salim Hoss, Defense Minister Joseph Skaf and Army Commander Victor Khoury, an Irish Embassy spokesman said.

Okun meets Waldheim on Cyprus

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 7 (AP) — Turkish Foreign Minister Gunduz Okun said here Saturday that revival of the suspended intercommunal talks on Cyprus future was "up to the political will" of the Greek Cypriots and "I have not seen any so far."

Okun was speaking to reporters after he had spent an hour and three quarters in conference with U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

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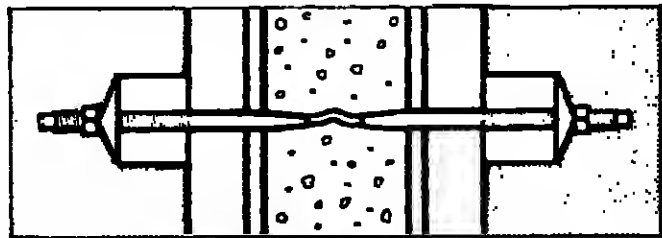
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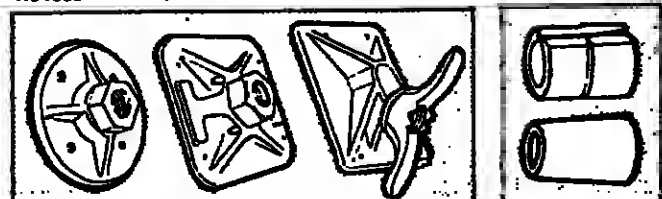
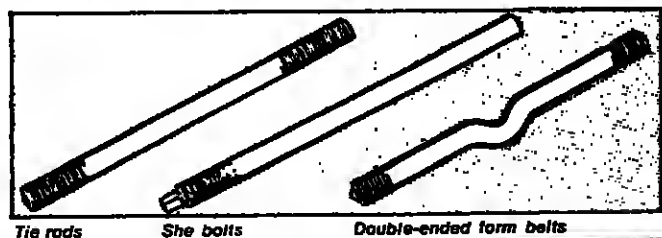
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Orioles through to World Series with 8-0 triumph

ANAHEIM, California, Oct. 7 (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles, led by Scott McGregor's six-hit pitching, plus power hitting and double-play defense, advanced to the baseball World Series against the Pittsburgh Pirates by whipping the California Angels 8-0 Saturday.

The Orioles, who took the American League championship series three games to one, will host the opening game of the world series Tuesday.

Rick Dempsey started two rallies and doubled. Ken Singleton drove in two runs and Pat Kelly contributed a three-run homer in the seventh, when the Orioles scored five times, assuring them of their fourth AL pennant since 1969, when the present playoff system started.

The loss, before a partisan crowd of 43,199, avowed the Angels from their dream of reaching the baseball pinnacle for the first time in their 19 season. They had never before won a division title.

Baltimore, beaten 4-3 Friday night, jumped on Angels starter Chris Knapp for a pair of runs in the third inning. Dempsey singled, Al Bumbry walked and Kiko Garcia beat out a high bouncing bunt, filling the bases and setting up a sacrifice fly by Singleton and Eddie Murray's single.

The Angels averted further

damage when Gary Roenicke bounced into a double play. The Orioles made it 3-0 in the fourth on doubles by Doug Decinces and Dempsey.

The Angels mounted their only big threat in the fifth, and it was third baseman Decinces who cut it off after California had loaded the bases with none out.

Brian Downing and Bobby Grich singled, and with Sammy Stewart warning up in the Baltimore bullpen, Merv Rettenmund drew a walk, filling the bases.

Rick Miller's short fly to Roenicke in left did not go far enough to allow Downing to score after the catch.

Then Jim Anderson slammed a drive down the third base line that Decinces went to his right to backhand, tagged the bag for a force out and threw Anderson out at first, ending the inning.

The Orioles teed off against Angels' relievers Dave Frost and John Montague to clinch it in the seventh.

Dempsey walked, stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. After two outs, Singleton doubled, driving in Dempsey. Murray was then walked intentionally, Roenicke singled, knocking in the second run of the inning and Kelly greeted Montague with his three-run homer.

Two strokes

Tewell moves into Texas Open lead

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 7 (AP) — Doug Tewell, who had to qualify Monday, fired a blistering seven-under-par 63 Saturday to take a two-stroke lead into the final round of the Texas Open.

Tewell, a 30-year-old Oklahoma man trying to earn his first top-60 qualifying exemption, was at 13-under-par 197 for the tournament. Eddie Pearce was in second place after shooting a 65 Saturday.

Second-round leaders Lee Trevino and Lou Graham shot 69s Saturday and were hunched with Bill Rogers and John Mahaffey in third place. Five strokes off Tewell's torrid pace, Rogers fired a 62 Saturday to move into contention.

Tewell reeled off two straight birdies to open Saturday's round and then put together three con-

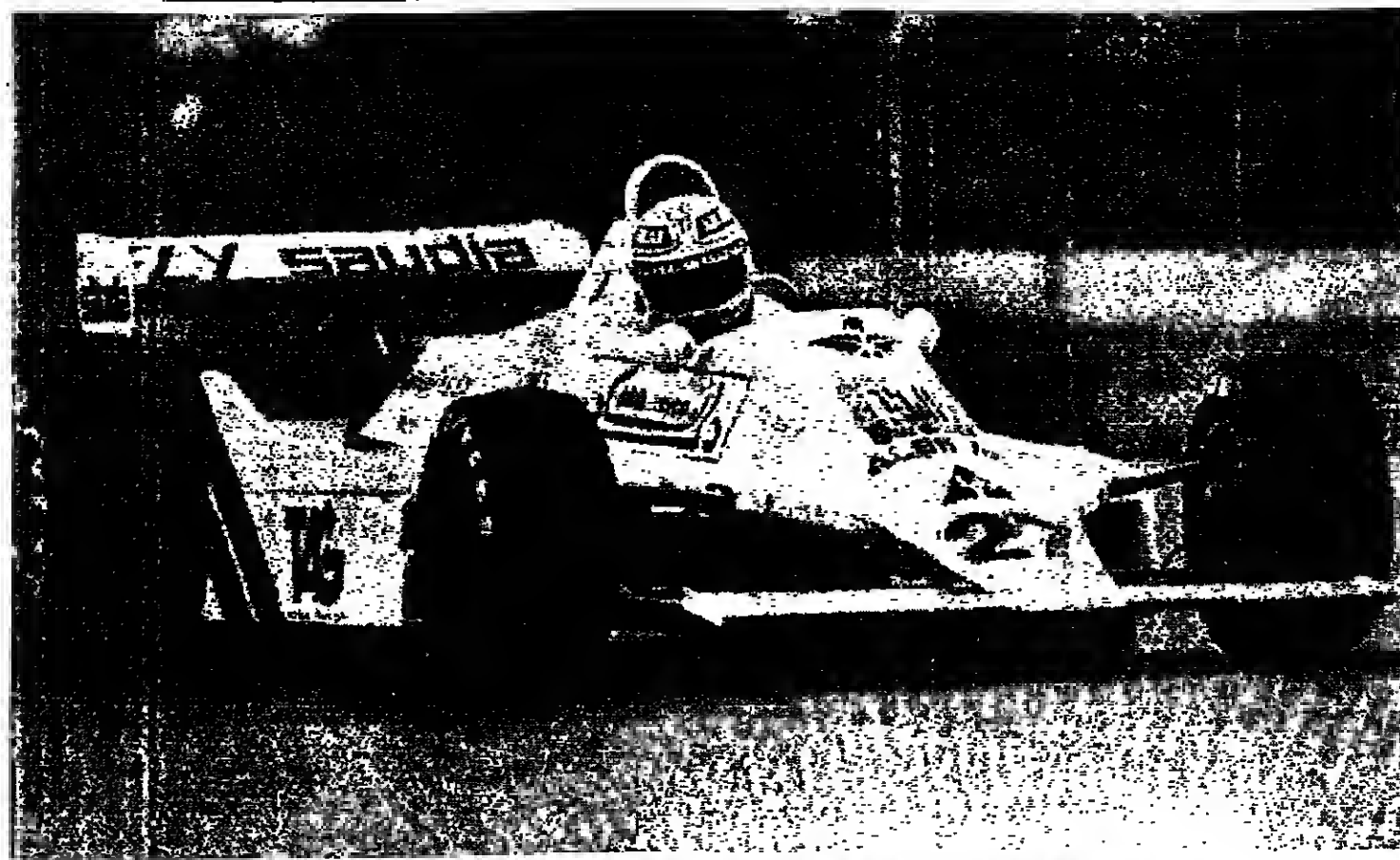
secutive birdies to start the back nine.

Tewell, in his fifth year on the pro tour, ranks 64th on the 1979 money list and has only two more tournaments after this one to qualify for the top 60 and earn an exemption.

He had to shoot a 76 Monday to win a berth in this tournament. His third-place finish in the B.C. Open last month was the only time in his career he has been among the five top finishers in a tournament.

In Wheeling, West Virginia, Betsy King survived wind, rain, cold and a hilly course Saturday to shoot a second straight par-72 and take a one-shot lead after two rounds of the Wheeling Ladies Professional Golf Association classic.

Only three golfers managed



POLE: Alan Jones in his Saudia car, winner of the pole position for the Watkins Glen Grand Prix.

Record lap in Saudia car

Jones takes Watkins Glen pole position

WATKINS GLEN, New York, Oct. 7 (AP) — Alan Jones of Australia, the Saudia driver won the pole position Saturday for the Watkins Glen Grand Prix with a record-breaking lap of 127.15 miles per hour.

It smashed the old mark of 123.91 mph by Mario Andretti in

qualifying for the 1978 Grand Prix.

Jones, who has already won four Grand Prix races this year, will be gunning for his fifth victory Sunday when he starts at the front of the 24-car field in the final race on the season for Formula One cars. The 59-lap race covers a distance of just under 200 miles.

Wilson Piquet of Brazil earned the second position in the front row with a lap of 125.4 mph. In the second row will be Canadian Gilles Villeneuve, who qualified at 125.40 mph, and Jacques Laffite of France, 125.25 mph.

In the third row are Clay Regazzoni of Switzerland, who qualified at 125.17 mph and Carlos Reutemann of Argentina, winner of the 1978 race here, who was clocked at 124.22 mph in the qualifying session.

Saturday afternoon was cool and overcast for the 90-minute qualifying session, a marked improvement over Friday's weather when a steady, all-day rain drenched the course and reduced speeds on the first day of qualifying. The best time Friday was 100.11 mph by Villeneuve.

Many drivers did not even attempt to qualify Friday, and as a result, all 30 entrants were on the

course at the same time Saturday.

Jones thought there were too many cars on the track. "There was just too much traffic," he said. "As a result I only had two or three clear runs around the course."

Jody Scheckter of South Africa, who has already clinched the 1979 world driving championship, qualified 16th, the second spot on the eighth row. His best lap was 122.09 mph.

"I couldn't get any top line speed," Scheckter said. "It wasn't the engine. It might have been the carburetion or fuel pickup. We don't really know."

In the ninth row in position 17 is Mario Andretti of the United States, who won the world driving title last year. Andretti won six races in 1978 but has not had a victory this season. His best showing this year was third place in the Spanish Grand Prix.

Three races in different classes of competition were held Saturday.

Geoff Brabham, son of former

World Driving Champion Jack Brabham, clinched the Super Vee championship with a victory here in the eighth and final race of the series. He won five races during the season.

In an invitational Pro-Am race for sports cars, the professional section was won by veteran driver Farnelli Jones and the amateur portion by actor Gene Hackman.

Mark Dismore of the U.S. won a 20-minute karting race.

United beats Brighton to lead First Division

LONDON, Oct. 7 (AP) — Manchester United defeated Brighton 2-0 at Old Trafford Saturday to lead the First Division standings on goal difference from Nottingham Forest.

Steve Coppell and Lou Macari netted for the new leaders. Trevor Francis, playing his first match of the season, shot Nottingham Forest into the lead after just two minutes against Wolverhampton Wanderers.

John Robertson and Garry Birtles added further goals before John Richards and Peter Daniel pulled Wolves back into contention.

Manchester United and Nottingham Forest were the only teams in the top six to win.

Crystal Palace maintained its unbeaten record but lost the League leadership when held to a 1-1 draw by Tottenham at Selhurst Park.

Argentine ace Ricardo Villa put Tottenham ahead after three minutes and substitute Ian Walsh netted within 60 seconds of coming on to save a point for Palace. Norwich's unbeaten home record was ended by Stoke, who drew 2-2 at Carrow Road, while Southampton slumped to a 3-0 defeat at Aston Villa.

Liverpool recovered from its midweek defeat against Tblisi to crush Bristol City 4-0.

David Johnson, Kenny Dalglish, Ray Kennedy and Terry McDermott scored for the League champions.

Norwich trailed to a 13th minute Sammy Irvine goal, equalized through a Kevin Bond penalty, fell behind to a Paul Richardson spot kick and then earned a point through Kevin Reeves.

Results:

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Arsenal	0
Aston Villa	3
Barnsley	1
Birmingham	1
Bristol City	1
Bristol Rovers	1
Bury	1
Cardiff	1
Charlton	1
Crystal Palace	1
Derby County	1
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Liverpool	1
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THE AILING DOLLAR

Each time the price of gold shoots up while the dollar falls, there is talk of Arab need to move away from the dollar and determine oil prices through a "currency basket".

Such a view is understandable. Arab countries watch helplessly as their national income falls steadily down each time the dollar is pressured. But the fact is that a move away from the dollar is a difficult if not impossible, operation; it being still the base for the world monetary system as a whole.

For some oil exporters like Saudi Arabia, there is an added difficulty. Their vast dollar holdings would suffer a great deal from even talk of abandonment. To actually move out would be a full-fledged disaster.

The present uncertainties of the international money market reflects more than the weakness of the dollar. There is a veritable international mafia of middlemen profiting from the ups as well as the downs of gold prices, whose interests coincide with magnifying each swing into a blind run.

But they are not the fundamental reason for the uncertainty. This is the weakness of the dollar, for which government intervention is no cure. Experience has shown that artificial support can never have long term effectiveness. The dollar in such case picks up slightly only to continue its decline a short while later.

The uncertainty will remain until such time when the dollar reaches a price reflecting its true value in relation to other currencies. The new monetary system which will then emerge will have at its base the three leading international currencies: the dollar, the yen and the ECU (especially the mark).

The international monetary scene is too complex to accept journalistic simplification. Yet one could say with certainty that the Arab countries, like the rest of the world, will simply have to learn to live with the present weakness of the dollar. There is a crumb of comfort in there being no immediate danger of an international monetary collapse, although the yen and the mark cannot survive a collapse of the dollar.

AMERICA'S TURN NOW

The Rev. Jesse Jackson must look back with some satisfaction at the result of his Middle East tour. The black leader returns with an important document in his hand. For the first time, the Palestine Liberation Organization has submitted a written position-report on the question of peace in the Middle East, especially where it concerns the heart of that problem, the issue of Palestine and the Palestinians.

Many intermediaries, Arab as well as foreign, have tried to obtain such a definitive statement before. Yet all the PLO would yield were verbal views which, owing to internal and external pressures, were soon recanted. This time, a binding document is submitted which demands an equally binding response from President Carter.

An American spokesman has reiterated the official view of the Jackson visit as private. Yet it is an open secret that the Administration is well pleased with its results. Begin has been publicly blamed for wasting another opportunity for peace, when he refused to meet the black leader. The visit is seen as completing the process started by the Young-Tarazi meeting whose aim was to obtain the Palestinian position on the question of peace.

President Carter, with the difficult electoral campaigns ahead, must be appreciative of the opportunity the result of Jackson's visit offers him to improve his image within the United States, especially among the black voters, by a statesman-like response to the Palestinian document. At the same time, a new initiative would reconcile those friendly, oil producing Arab states, who have opposed the Camp David agreement all along. These especially would be glad to contribute to the solution of the world energy problem without hindrance from political factors.

The Palestinians have thrown the ball into the United States' court. Yet although the terms they have set for further talk is primarily their own affair, they have also to realize that too much Arab blood and sweat has been involved in the struggle for Palestine for Arab views not to be taken into account. The card, the strongest in their hand, of recognising Israel, is especially important here. To play it prematurely would be a disaster now.

But the Palestinians, of course, know this, and their moves always have an Arab dimension. This is signified in the present juncture by the three-month cease-fire they agreed to observe in South Lebanon. For a three months increase in oil production is what Saudi Arabia guaranteed the West. The two periods of grace are not unconnected.

"I DON'T HOLD WITH NEWFANGLED IDEAS LIKE DEMOCRACY AND A YEWUNITED STATES"



Teddy's specter casts pall over White House

By Martin Schram

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., is beaming out at smiling presidential aides from three television sets in White House press secretary Jody Powell's office — beaming despite (or, perhaps, because of) the crush of cameras and technicians jostling him as they fight to record the fact that he is going to the theater.

It is a grin familiar to the smiling Carter men, because it is not unlike the grin that became the trademark of their boss, back when he used to bask in cameras and cables as he made network odes by draining the fish pond in Plains, Ga., in the summer of '76.

"I think it will be a hard-fought battle, both the nomination and the election," Kennedy is saying on TV, too a newscast that has been videotaped by White House signal corps aides for easy reviewing by the Carter aides.

"Will be." The senator may have slipped inadvertently out of the traditional veil of the subjective, but President Carter's advisers figure Kennedy actually meant what he accidentally said.

Kennedy's plan is that he will be running for president, the Carter advisers have concluded.

On the white-columned portico just outside the windows of the Oval Office, President Carter pauses for a minute to chat about the news that has dominated the newspapers and the networks this past week. "I think we're better off with Kennedy finally being out in the open," the president says, according to one senior adviser who was there. Now, Carter and his advisers have concluded, Kennedy will begin to be judged in comparison with Carter on the issues, not just on image and charisma. And on the issues, Carter believes, he holds a commanding lead over Kennedy.

But throughout Carter's White House and throughout Carter's campaign headquarters, and in fact throughout the Congress that clearly is not his, there are many who do not agree that Jimmy Carter is better off because of the events of the last three very political, very Washington weeks.

Within the White House, the apparent reality of a Kennedy challenge has left a number of mid-level loyalists shaken and wondering if all is not already lost — and privately, some of the president's most senior advisers sound every bit as dispirited.

"It all seems to be slipping away from us," says one Carter aide. "I think it might be beyond salvaging now. It's coming apart awfully fast."

In the week that Ted Kennedy brought his presidential aspirations out from the closet, presidential advisers Hamilton Jordan and Jody Powell meet several times with campaign director Tim Kraft at the White House to discuss how it all affects the

Carter-Mondale timetable and strategy.

"There weren't any bright insights," Kraft says after one meeting. "All it means is that Kennedy has upped the ante a little — but there's still no need for us to declare Kennedy's candidacy for him."

They conclude that one reason Kennedy spoke out now is to give encouragement to the Draft Kennedy movement in Florida that is gearing up for the non-primary, non-bindings, non-sensical straw vote that will be held in Democratic and Republican conventions Oct. 14. It is Florida's political slapstick effort at getting national attention by running the first beauty contest of the 1980 season, even if it means doing it before Halloween of 1979. In 1976, Powell remembers, Carter won a similar Florida pre-presidential caucus, beating one Milton Shapp, who was the only other candidate who bothered to be there "and after we won we had a hard time even getting the wire services to move the story."

Two weeks ago, the Carter advisers dispatched campaign counsel Tim Smith to Florida to assess the operation in that state and do some press interviews.

Meanwhile, Hamilton Jordan says, "it's not in our interest to analyze or hype all of Teddy Kennedy's motivations. We've got to worry about getting energy and SALT passed in Congress."

That is Carter's feeling and it has become Jordan's line. It is not shared by all of the president's most senior advisers, however. One such adviser maintains that a failure to get the energy package or SALT approved on Capitol Hill will further hurt the president, but approval of the measures will not be of great benefit to Carter in his effort to put down the Kennedy rebellion. These measures will not really affect people's lives by the time they must head the call of George Gallup or the first caucus gavel in Iowa. They will just indicate whether Carter is able to effectively exert leadership on Capitol Hill.

Sixteen blocks from the White House, up at the eastern establishment end of Pennsylvania Avenue, Ted Kennedy spent a day of recently telling people that he had come to reassess his non-candidacy because of his concern for the state of the economy — and because of the concerns of Democratic colleagues on Capitol Hill who were urging him to run. Sources close to Kennedy elaborated that 11 of the 22 Democratic senators seeking reelection (two more are retiring) had urged him to run, fearing that they would go down Carter at the head of the ticket.

But a Washington Post survey of the 22 senators shows only a fraction of that number who are willing to admit that they did indeed urge Kennedy to challenge Carter. George McGovern of South Dakota says he did and so does John Durkin of New Hampshire. However, most of the others say flatly that they did not urge Kennedy to run — including Kennedy's close friend, John Culver of Iowa, who

Election woes in India, Pakistan

By Barry Shlachter

NEW DELHI

Months ago the governments of two neighboring South Asian countries, India and Pakistan, announced general elections. Now uncertainty clouds both polls on the subcontinent.

For Pakistan, an election could mean a return to civilian rule in the Muslim country of 76 million which has been controlled by strong-willed army generals more often than not since independence in 1947.

But President Gen. Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq, leader of the current martial law regime which seized power in a July, 1977 coup, appeared to be wavering in his resolve to hold balloting on Nov. 17 as planned, according to reports from Pakistan.

No firm date has been set for the Indian election, a mammoth undertaking in this Hindu-dominated nation of 635 million.

Caretaker Prime Minister Charan Singh, his support dropping steadily as consumer prices rise, said the poll would be held by the first week of January.

Nevertheless, his close lieutenant, Raj Narain, who is "working" president of Singh's Lok Dal Party, repeatedly has asked for the election's postponement.

Both India and Pakistan held elections in March, 1977 that had sweeping results. With her party's defeat, Indira Gandhi resigned the prime ministership, ending years of authoritarian rule.

The then-Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto won by such a wide margin that opposition groups alleging ballot-box stuffing easily were able to organize large-scale protests, which led to his overthrow by Gen. Zia four months later.

The names Gandhi and Bhutto, long dominant in the politics of their respective countries, still are the ones that seem to matter.

While Bhutto, convicted in a political murder case, was hanged last April, his fiery Oxford-educated daughter Benazir has taken over leadership of his Pakistan People's Party.

Western diplomatic sources said the PPP under the 25-year-old Benazir could win a majority by riding a wave of sympathy for her father if Pakistan carried out a fair election.

Such a prediction clearly is not a comforting one for Gen. Zia, whom the Bhutto family has accused of "murdering" the deposed prime minister

through a judicial system allegedly controlled by the military regime.

On Thursday, the Election Commission barred Benazir and more than 600 other PPP candidates from contesting National Assembly seats on the grounds that the party was not officially registered under a newly amended law. They were told to appeal the decision at high courts, however.

The Urdu-language daily Jang reported afterward that Gen. Zia planned to hold talks with leaders of other parties to urge them to accept an election postponement. Earlier, he indicated that balloting would be called off if it became apparent that one party could not win a mandate from voters.

But critics charged that Zia also would not sanction an election if he was sure that vengeful Benazir Bhutto's PPP would be that single party headed for victory.

Indira Gandhi, now an opposition leader, has thrown herself into active campaigning although the date for the Indian poll is still unknown.

Excesses committed during her last years in power, including jailing without trial and forced sterilization, cost her the 1977 election.

But memories of these official abuses have become blurred while an increasing number of Indians look back almost nostalgically on the 1975-77 state of emergency when prices were lower and crime less prevalent.

The 62-year-old Mrs. Gandhi has benefited both from the seeming inactivity of the Janata Party government under her successor, Morarji Desai, and alleged fiscal fumbling by Charan Singh, who replaced Desai last July.

The Janata Party, now led by untouchable leader Jagjivan Ram, draws strength from the well-organized Hindu nationalist Jana Sangh faction. Some commentators said the main election competition may end up between Mrs. Gandhi's Indian Congress Party and the Janata.

Singh's rural-based Lok Dal failed to win expected support from Finance Minister H.N. Bahuguna. Bahuguna's reluctance demonstrated many here that the Indian political situation was still fluid and horse trading, including selection of party nominations, far from finished.

The 76-year-old Singh undoubtedly will face a least some of the blame for rising prices, now 20 percent higher than last year, since he had served a finance minister in the last government. — (AP)

saudi press review

Lead stories in most newspapers Sunday were centered on Lebanese Premier Salim Hoss' arrival in the Kingdom for talks on the situation in South Lebanon, bilateral relations and the proposed Arab summit meeting. While Al-Medina said in its lead story that the SR120 billion Yanbu industrial complex would be opened by King Khalid after the pilgrimage season, Al-Riyadh led with a report that SR1.6 billion have been allocated to compensate for the expropriation of properties in Riyadh.

In a front-page story, Okaz reported differences between the oil-producing and consuming countries on the agenda of their talks, and further reported that thousands of Cubans staged a demonstration against President Fidel Castro demanding Soviet withdrawal from Cuba. Most newspapers featured on their

front pages Interior Minister Prince Naif's approval of the pilgrimage plan and his commendation of the efforts of the Mina Project Organization.

Newspapers also quoted a Tunisian Newspaper as reporting that the Arab summit meeting might be held in Riyadh in the second week of November. Al-Jazira frontpaged PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's press conference in Ankara, in which he was reported as having said that his talks with American Civil Rights leader Jesse Jackson were constructive and successful. It further reported that Jordan has informed international and Arab organizations about Israel's desecration of Islamic and Christian holy places in Jerusalem. Al-Bilad said in a front-page story that Bahrain was to hold official talks with Kuwait and Iraq on the latest develop-

ments in the Arab world.

In a prominent headline on Begin government's possible fall, Al-Riyadh said most Israelis were dissatisfied with his policies, while Al-Nadwa gave prominence to Iranian Deputy Premier Tabataba'i's visit to Beirut and Damascus to discuss South Lebanon and bilateral relations. Al-Medina featured Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's interview with U.S. reporters and quoted him as saying the Kingdom would reconsider its oil production early next year. It further quoted a West German newspaper Deutsche Zeitung as saying the Kingdom pursued a moderate policy in political and economic spheres.

Al-Medina said in an editorial that the Zionists are plotting to create a rift among the Arab ranks, but the paper was not surprised "since the enemies of Islam

had always strived to do so." Convinced that a separate peace with the enemy would only tend to widen the gap among the Arab ranks, that paper said Israeli Premier Begin's enthusiasm over the Camp David accord with Egypt was based on the fact that "these accords only served the interests of the enemies of Islam and separated Egypt from the rest of the Arab world. The Zionists would have bowed down to the will of the international society if they were actually serious over peace in the region."

Dwelling on the same subject, Al-Jazira said the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty was "a practical step toward the liquidation of the issue of Palestinian rights." It considered the Camp David accords as an attempt to obliterate all the material and moral achievements of the October 6 victory of the Arabs.

The paper, however, hoped that joint Arab action in the future would help them achieve victory over the Zionists and to gain further positive and constructive support from the countries of the world for their just causes.

Al-Riyadh concentrated on Lebanese Premier Salim Hoss' visit to the Kingdom, saying he has come to consult Saudi leaders on the possibility of holding a special Arab summit meeting to discuss South Lebanon. His visit will determine whether or not such a summit would be held, it said, adding that Saudi Arabia has been making enormous efforts to hold a conference that would lead to a settlement of the south Lebanon problem.

In the paper's view, "if Lebanon can lay its hands on the troublemaker, it will receive further unstinted support from the Saudi

officials. But it must know how to preserve the interests of Lebanon, a matter that will ultimately be in the favour of the country as a whole."

Dealing with the same subject, Al-Nadwa hoped the Lebanese premier will receive usual support from the Saudi leadership. It the Kingdom would support Lebanon's leader's working plan, which has been approved by the PLO, with a view to bringing peace and stability in Lebanon.

"Prince Saud Al-Faisal's condemnation of the Zionist aggression on South Lebanon and reflects the Kingdom's desire to join the international society pressuring Israel to stop its aggressive activities. But the unity of Lebanese themselves would be the main factor in bringing the country out of its present predicament," the paper said.

Adil Khashoggi has the hottest new cafe in the capital

By Joyce Prince

RIYADH

Why has some of the world's finest cuisine developed in Switzerland? It has rich soil and produces a vast variety of the choicest foods and beverages, including some of the finest grape juices.

Switzerland is noted for its inspired cooking, and now, behind the orange and red canvas canopies of the entrance, Swiss cuisine comes to Riyadh in the guise of the "Movinpick Restaurant Orangerie."

The careful planning of the menu, sparkling glassware, and gleaming silver with immaculate linen, are hall marks of Movinpick. Nothing has been left to chance. Early in January, Riyadh's Movinpick decor was conceived by their interior designer from Zurich.

Sheikh Adil Khashoggi

The restaurant was brought to Riyadh by Sheikh Adil Khashoggi. While living in Zurich, Sheikh Adil enjoyed the food at the Movinpick and arranged for the restaurant to be housed in the "La Residence" building, in the Mocha area one block off Airport Road, facing the ministries. The restaurant is the second Movinpick in the Middle East.

It seats 160 people comfortably. The atmosphere is light and airy, enhanced by the artificial orange trees and blossoms. The bright and cheery fabric of the lattice, light wood ensure both privacy and spaciousness. Wall hangings of large, ceramic, smiling sun faces greet you and, if you look carefully, those charming pictures in wooden frames are tissue orange wrappers from all over the world. The Tiffany lamps and soft music blend discreetly.

A Theme

Every two to three weeks an array of specialties built around a theme is offered. The evening we were there the star attraction was shrimp. The party at the table next to ours was making a meal of the special "Shrimp Turkollmano," sauteed shrimp in olive-oil with tomatoes, olives, and feta cheese, served with rice and priced at a modest 35 SR.

Our meal began with a shrimp cocktail. The shrimps were large and juicy, served over a bed of bean sprouts and covered with a rich, creamy sauce. The shrimps

were warm, an unexpected change from the usual cold cocktails.

Next came the French onion soup, rich and steaming with the traditional crepe covering and parmesan cheese.

A large fresh salad made from the salad bar followed, with three choices of house dressings, French, Italian and Rose Island. Marinated salads were also available.

For the main course we selected the "Reef n Beef" and "Zuri Gschnalzelets." The Reef n Beef was a combination of shrimp kebab and beef steak. The steak was cooked with a touch of spiced butter and coriander and the shrimp was well prepared a fine blend of fish and beef.

One of the distinctions of Swiss cooking is the use of rich creams. The "Zuri Gschnalzelets, one of five Swiss specialties on the menu, is a fine example of the "Swiss Kitchen." A tasty dish of slices of tender veal in a cream sauce with mushrooms. The "Rosti" (battered hashbrown potatoes) served with the Zuri Gschnalzelets, is a welcome change from the ubiquitous French fries served in so many restaurants in Riyadh.

True Flavor

Chef, Chef Verner Seewald explained another key point of modern Swiss cooking: "I enjoy cooking at the Movinpick. I think an important factor of the Swiss cuisine is that the food is not disguised in heavy sauces or hot spices but is appreciated for its true flavor." The side dish of fresh broccoli, lightly cooked to retain its original flavor was excellent evidence.

It was difficult to choose a dessert from the impressive collection of pastry and rice cream but two ice cream creations; the "Coupe Swiss Chocolate Doodle," vanilla and chocolate ice creams with chocolate topping and the "Coupe Water Tower," a variety of ice creams topped with meringue and served in a tall glass, eventually stood out from the crowd. The coupes were excellent but massive.

Our meal was topped off with Capuccino, only one of the variety of coffee's offered. Movinpick's own blend from Zurich, Turkish (which is made at your table to your liking), espresso Italian, and Matterhorn, a stroog espresso with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Pure Grape Juice

The beverage list is a surprise for the thirsty patron. To complement our meal we chose a bottle of white grape juice, the "Riesling-Sylvaner." Other grape juices are also available, the "Klevner," a red grape and the "Rauschling," also white. These three juices are from the state-owned cellar of the

Canton of Zurich. They are absolutely pure.

For this impressive meal the cost of SR 235 including the 15% service, seemed very reasonable by Riyadh standards.

Of course one need not order in such quantity. The Movinpick is a relaxed place. Mr. Gschellhammer, the manager, assured us the "coffee and cake" crowd is welcome; even a milkshake lover will be pampered.

Gschellhammer has been with the Riyadh Movinpick since February preparing for the restaurant's opening last May. He has been in hotel and restaurant management for twenty years and has been with the Movinpick Com-



Peter Gschellhammer stands at the entrance of the restaurant he manages.

A refuge from the streets of Riyadh

pany in Switzerland for seven. "The world is changing gastronomically," says Gschellhammer. "People are travelling more and are exposed to different types of food. We try to offer a variety of their favorites balanced with a touch of 'Swiss know-how.'"

Burgers

Chef Seewald, an Austrian, has been cooking for 15 years, 6 in the Middle East. He felt that special mention should be made of the "Movinpick Burgers." "Along with the original cheese-pickhurger and others, we have the Orangerie-Pickhurger, made according to our special recipe

with orange slices and a soft, melted, orange-tinted sour cream."

Pastry, ice cream and mousse are made fresh daily. Mr. Goachim Schiwiek, pastry chef from Germany and Switzerland, makes such delights as "Black Forest Cake," fruit flans and apple strudel.

Every day a salad lunch for SR 8 is served until 3:00 p.m.

Farmer's Breakfast

Every morning from 7:00 to 1:30 you can enjoy a "Swiss Farmer's Breakfast" of Danish breads and rolls, fruit, juices, corn flakes, choice of egg (omelette, fried, scrambled, poached) Swiss Rosti, beef sausage, Swiss cheeses,

and all sorts of yogurts, Buchermiesli (bran with fruit and cream) coffee or tea, all for SR 20.

In October an Arabian buffet will be added, costing between 40 and 50 riyals.

Much of the food is imported — rumpsteak, sirloin and tenderloin from the United States; fresh vegetables such as broccoli, corn on the cob and leaf spinach from Holland and England; shrimp, sole, trout and dairy products from Zurich.

The restaurant is open from 7:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. seven days a week. Reservations are suggested particularly on the busy evenings of Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



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Nonaligned nations fail to agree on controversial political issues

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 7 (AP) — Nonaligned foreign ministers, adopting a common stand for the current U.N. General Assembly here Saturday night, refused to condemn U.S. "military escalation" in the Caribbean, French "intervention" in Africa and the Camp David accords and subsequent Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. (See related story Page 4.)

Foreign ministers, ambassadors and others from nearly all the 95 countries in the non-aligned movement attended a meeting, held behind closed doors in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

They worked from a 26-paragraph document repeating stands announced at the Havana nonaligned conference of last month as they sought to agree on a

communiqué setting forth joint positions for the 152-nation assembly's current three-month 34th session.

But participants said they split so badly on controversial issues that finally, on a proposal from Zambia, they threw away all specific policy provisions in the document and kept only the introduction, saluting the late Angolan President Agostinho Neto and listing issues they will give priority to in the assembly.

The latter issues include decolonization, Cyprus, Namibia (South West Africa), South African race segregation, Zimbabwe Rhodesia, information, economic development and aid to Nicaragua.

The ministers had to drop a policy statement they had already

approved tentatively Friday, condemning the contempt-of-court imprisonment in San Juan, Puerto Rico, of Juan Mari-Bras, secretary general of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party.

The disagreement in the meeting on the issues raised the prospect of public disclosure here of dissent within the movement that was not publicized in Havana, where in keeping with past practice the final documents did not list reservations.

The closing afternoon meeting was delayed for more than an hour while the Chairman, Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca, stood in a corridor talking with other participants about how to proceed. When it resumed, the Zambian proposal ultimately broke the deadlock.

Other controversial sections in the proposed communiqué that were dropped from the final text were:

— A condemnation, pushed by Cuba, of "the recent acts of military escalation announced by the United States government in the Caribbean and the Indian Ocean which would increase tensions in those regions and threaten international peace and security."

— A condemnation, proposed by Libya, of "the recent intervention of France in the Central African Empire," and a call for withdrawal of the French troops; a condemnation, proposed by Nigeria, of the "repeated intervention of France... in the internal affairs of African states," and a condemnation, proposed by Cameroon, of "recent foreign interventions" in African internal affairs, not blamed on any particular country.

Bokassa premier demands French troops withdrawal

BANGUI, Oct. 7 (AP) — Ange Patasse, former premier of the Central African Republic when it was an empire under Bokassa I, has demanded the withdrawal of the French troops.

Patasse Saturday also claimed he planned to stage his own overthrow of Bokassa, but was preempted by the French-backed coup that put President David Dacko on power Sept. 20.

He told a news conference his coup was scheduled for Sept. 29 and would have begun with the seizure of Bokassa's palace at Berengo.

Patasse, who is popular in Bangui for his liberal views, made his statements after students demon-

strated against Dacko, branding him "a French puppet."

He demanded "withdrawal in the coming days" of all the French troops in the country now estimated at several hundred.

He also insisted on "the revision and adaptation" of accords between France and the Central African Republic.

Patasse was a controversial figure during the events surrounding Bokassa's ouster. He was in Paris when the coup occurred, was banned from leaving France to go to his country, took refuge in the Libyan Embassy in Paris and, when finally allowed to leave, stopped in Libya en route to Bangui.

Human rights concerns raised

Colombia's anti-crime war turns right

BOGOTA, Colombia, Oct. 7 (AP) — Colombia is one of the few countries in South America that is not under military rule, but as it tries to cope with escalating crime and guerrilla groups, it is leaning more to the right.

Under President Julio Cesar Turbay, who ran for office on a law and order platform last year, more than a thousand civilians have been arrested by the military on suspicion of guerrilla activities. Dozens of torture cases have been reported.

All but about 120 prisoners have been freed.

The widely respected Bogota morning daily *El Espectador*, which ran editorials against Turbay during last year's presidential campaign, recently printed a cartoon showing Turbay being led away by a soldier, with the comment that he is the only political prisoner in Colombia.

The cartoon was prompted by an Amnesty International charge that there are hundreds of political prisoners in Colombia.

Whether or not the criticism of Turbay is valid, it is undisputed

that he faced massive problems of restoring law and order when he took office. Remote mountainous regions are home to an estimated 2,000 well-armed, well-trained rural guerrillas who had become increasingly daring in ambushing army patrols and invading small towns, as well as stealing policemen's weapons; urban guerrillas robbed banks and set off bombs throughout the country.

Common criminals were believed responsible for all but a handful of nearly 100 kidnappings last year.

So far this year there have been 22 kidnappings, and the sharp decrease is mostly due to Turbay's emphasis on building investigative forces in police departments. He has a sizable part of the armed forces trying to wipe out gangsters who smuggle drugs to the United States.

And the government's counter-insurgency campaign has all but finished the principal urban guerrilla group M-19 as an effective operating force. Dozens of its alleged leaders are in jail.

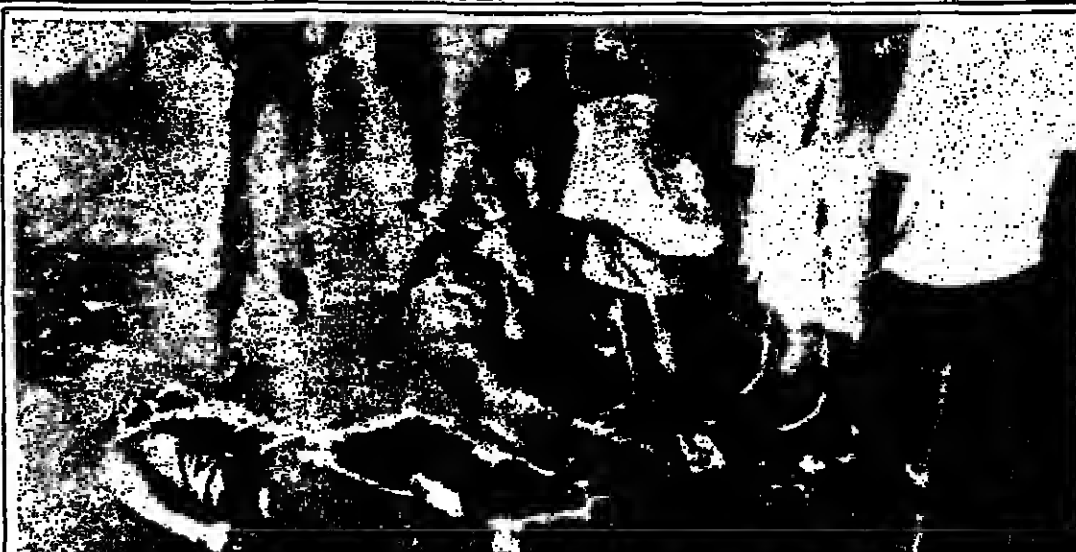
When Turbay came to office

last August he realized that an often corrupt and overburdened civilian judicial system was preventing any effective solution to lawlessness.

Lawyers say privately that many judges are open to bribes. And because of too many cases and too few judges, it can take up to three years to finish a murder case in which there is a confession, a corpse, a murder weapon and a motive. Contested cases can take up to six years.

Turbay attacked the law and order problem on two fronts. Within two weeks of taking office, he and his cabinet created security statutes giving broad powers to the military in replacing functions of civilian courts. And the president demanded that Congress pass constitutional reforms for clearing up the mess in the courts.

The security statutes have become the most volatile issue in Colombian politics. Few argue with the statutes' provisions of increasing the penalties for several crimes.



SHOOTOUT VICTIM: A Salvadoran lies dead in an El Salvador street recently, shot by soldiers. Violence continues in the country. Saturday a wealthy banker was ambushed and kidnapped with another person after being injured.

Wealthy Salvadorean kidnapped

SAN SALVADOR, Oct. 7 (AP) — Armed men seized a wealthy Salvadorean banker from his home near here and took him away along with one other person, police sources said Saturday.

They said the banker, Luis Escalante Arce, 65, was wounded in the apparent kidnapping. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the deed, and no

ransom demands were made public.

It was not known how seriously Escalante Arce was wounded. The person seized with him was not immediately identified.

The sources said Escalante Arce, one of the wealthiest bankers here was taken from his home in San Benito about five miles southwest of the capital.

Kidnapping for ransom is a hallmark of Salvadorean guerrilla groups who use the money to finance their drive to topple the military-backed government of Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero. Violence continued Saturday in this tense Central American capital, apparently to protest the killings a week ago Saturday of four leftist leaders.

U.N. awaits Polish reply on jailed aide

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 7 (AP) — Poland has yet to reply to a U.N. note sent two weeks ago about a Polish woman employee of the United Nations held in Warsaw on a spy charge, high U.N. officials said Saturday night.

Alicja Wesolowska, who works for the U.N. Development Program, was arrested in late August while stopping in the Polish capital to visit her parents on her way from a post at U.N. headquarters to one in Ulaan Bator, Mongolia. The officials said the U.N. legal

counsel, Erik Suy of Belgium, sent a note to Warsaw Sept. 10 asking for explanations and Sept. 23 the Polish U.N. mission told the United Nations Miss Wesolowska was accused of spying.

That same day, Suy sent another note to Warsaw asking that details of the charges be given and that a U.N. official be allowed to visit her. They said that there had been no response at all.

They denied a published report that Poland had told the United

Nations her case was an internal matter.

Meanwhile, Sept. 28, three organizations claiming to represent 14,000 international civil servants sent a message to Poland asking that it either free Miss Wesolowska or else let a U.N. representative in to see that she was well.

They were the U.N. Staff Union, the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations and the U.N. Development Program Staff Council.

Police free hostage

S.F. sniper captured

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7 (AP) — A sniper who kept up a steady barrage of gunfire from the top floor of a 16-story building and held a secretary hostage for nearly 24 hours was captured Saturday after he fell asleep behind a barricaded office door, police said.

Authorities identified the sniper as Wayne Culliane, 23, of the San Francisco Bay area. Officer Robbie Corley said Culliane had been booked for investigation of seven felonies, including kidnapping for ransom, false imprisonment, assault with a deadly weapon, possession of loaded firearms, possession of stolen property and drug charges, as well as three misdemeanor counts.

The secretary was also asleep when police burst into the office where the gunman had fired more than 40 bullets through a shattered window onto heavily traveled Market Street, a few blocks from city hall. About 20 square blocks had been cordoned by police since the beginning of the drama at 5:29 p.m. PD Friday (5:31 Pacific Time Saturday).

The sniper had threatened to toss dynamite and a grenade onto the street unless he got \$1 million for needy children. Police said they found a fragmentation grenade and three live rounds of ammunition in the office, along with several guns, including a toy.

"He was feisty to the end but he was too sleepy," said Lt. William Scheffler, one of two officers who found the man. "He did not wake up during the entry."

Scheffler said that the sniper, who described himself as "Chief Cherokee" of an obscure radical group called "SLA WOO", offered no resistance and said

nothing when he was arrested. Police and the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation said they had never heard of the group.

Officer Vince Repetto had been the sniper on the phone for 12 hours, a relieved Mayor Dianne Feinstein said at a news conference in a room across the hall from where the sniper had been taken up in the State Compensation Insurance Fund building. Max Feinstein, who joined the negotiators, said the sniper demanded "an end to oppression, clean up the ghetto and (provide) \$1 million to needy children."

Police said that when the man decided he was asleep and seeing Scheffler and Lt. Charles Benson, he appeared weak and weary when she was brought out of the building and taken to a hospital. Asked how she was, she smiled thinly and said, "All right."

The sniper continued firing sporadic bursts of bullets as late as 20 hours after the incident began.

One man was shot in the fire, sending rush-hour commuters scurrying for cover. The man, Edward Rikula, 49, of San Francisco, was hospitalized in stable condition.

The sniper, clean-shaven, wearing green fatigues and a cap and shouldering a 30-caliber M1 Carbine could be seen periodically poking his head through a smashed window.

The Symbionese Liberation Army used the initials SLA as was a small band of self-described urban guerrillas who kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst. After the kidnapping, they demanded her publisher father underwrite a multimillion-dollar food giveaway program.

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Hua plans visit to Western Europe

Chinese to put Gang of Four on trial soon



TRIAL: Chiang Ching, Mao Tse-tung's widow, is one of four radical Chinese leaders arrested in 1976 after Mao's death by the moderate clique who maneuvered themselves into power. The Gang of Four, as they were called, will be tried soon.

question can be found through consultations," Hua said. "But I can say regardless of how the matter is settled, we will take notice of the interests of the investors there," he added.

China regards leases on the colony as invalid, contending they were signed in the last century when China was weak and Britain was strong and could impose its will.

Peking views Hong Kong as Chinese territory temporarily under British administration. Hua indicated that the authorities considered political activists arrested earlier this year to be anarchists. He hinted they would go on trial.

An unknown number of people have been detained for putting posters on Peking's Democracy Wall or issuing unofficial magazines, although both actions are permitted by the Chinese constitution.

Hua said a strong and united Western Europe could contribute to the peace of the world.

"In this turbulent world of ours, I believe Western Europe should play a role in international affairs commensurate with its importance," the official Xinhua news agency quoted him as saying earlier Sunday.

"A strong and united Western Europe is of great significance for the preservation of peace and security in Europe and the world."

Bangkok bomb blast kills one

BANGKOK, Oct. 7 (AP)—At least one person was killed and more than 20 others wounded when a grenade was hurled Saturday night onto a sidewalk, local newspapers reported Sunday.

Two men riding a motorcycle threw the grenade between two cafes on Patpong Road and sped off, leaving a scene of panic among pedestrians and customers.

Police surmised that the incident may have followed a heated argument and fistfight between cafe owners and a group of unidentified customers.

The dead man was identified as Thanin Chanhong, a cafe owner and son of a Bangkok policeman.

Rains dampen Japanese election

TOKYO, Oct. 7 (R)—Japan Sunday staged a general election for a new House of Representatives amid typhoon weather that kept many voters at home and could help some opposition candidates.

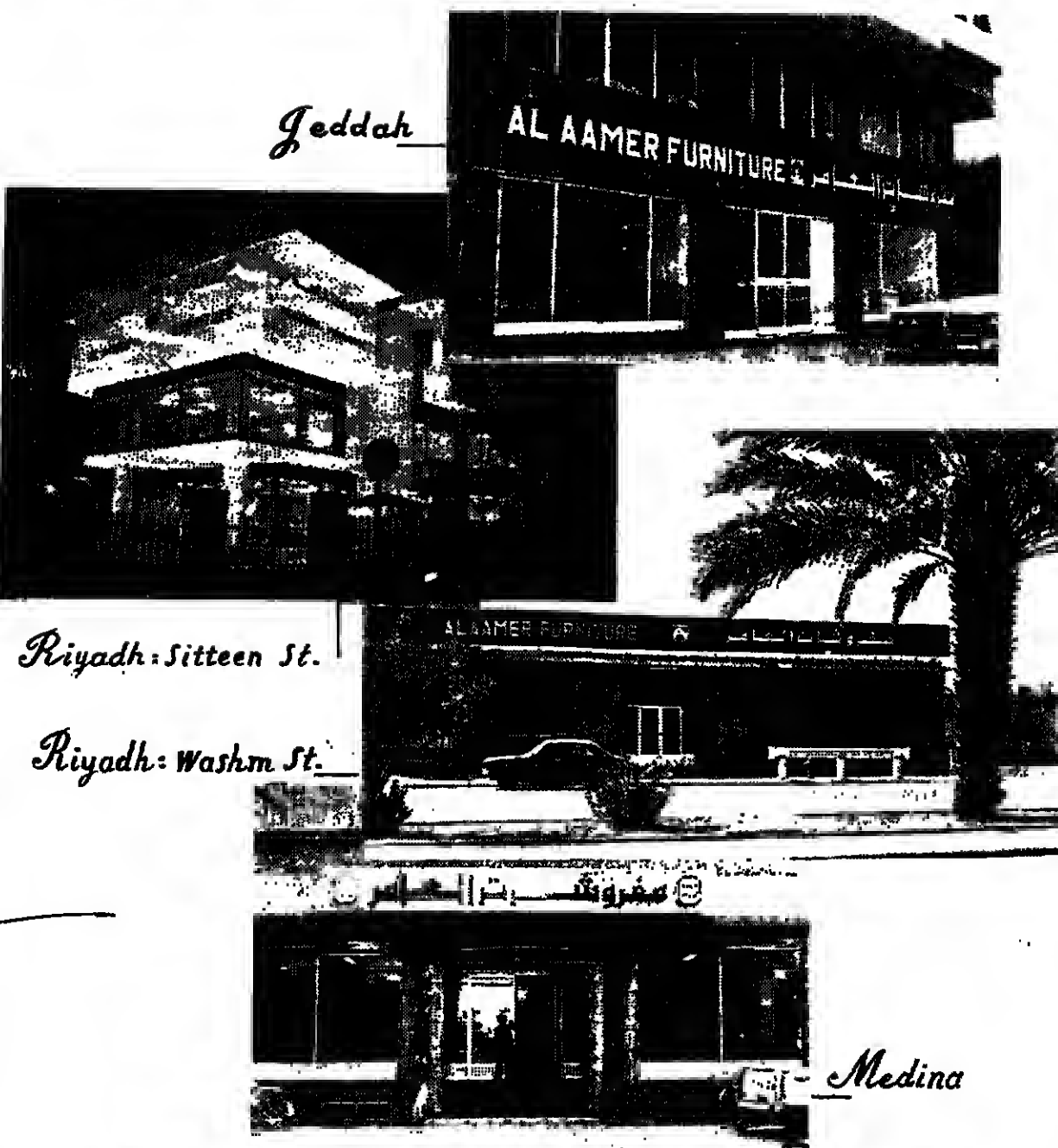
But the conservative Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), which has ruled Japan for almost 30 years, was confident of retaining power with an increased majority.

Typhoon Roger, later downgraded to a tropical storm, sent driving rain over most of Japan throughout Sunday. The home ministry said only 53.1 per cent of the 80 million people eligible to vote had cast ballots up to two hours before the polls closed.



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Nuclear protester assault on U.S. plant beaten back

SEABROOK, New Hampshire, Oct. 7 (AP)—State troopers and National Guardsmen, using nightsticks, tear gas and high-pressure water hoses, repelled more than 1,400 anti-nuclear protesters who charged the fence encircling the site of the Seabrook nuclear power plant Saturday.

At mid-afternoon, the demonstrators headed back to their campsites in the woods after failing to get into the plant construction site after a siege of almost 12 hours.

Protesters said they planned to discuss strategy and whether to continue the assault.

"It seemed pretty unlikely that we were going to get in because there just weren't very many of us, and it was very obvious that the police were quite well prepared," said one demonstrator, Gary Drescher.

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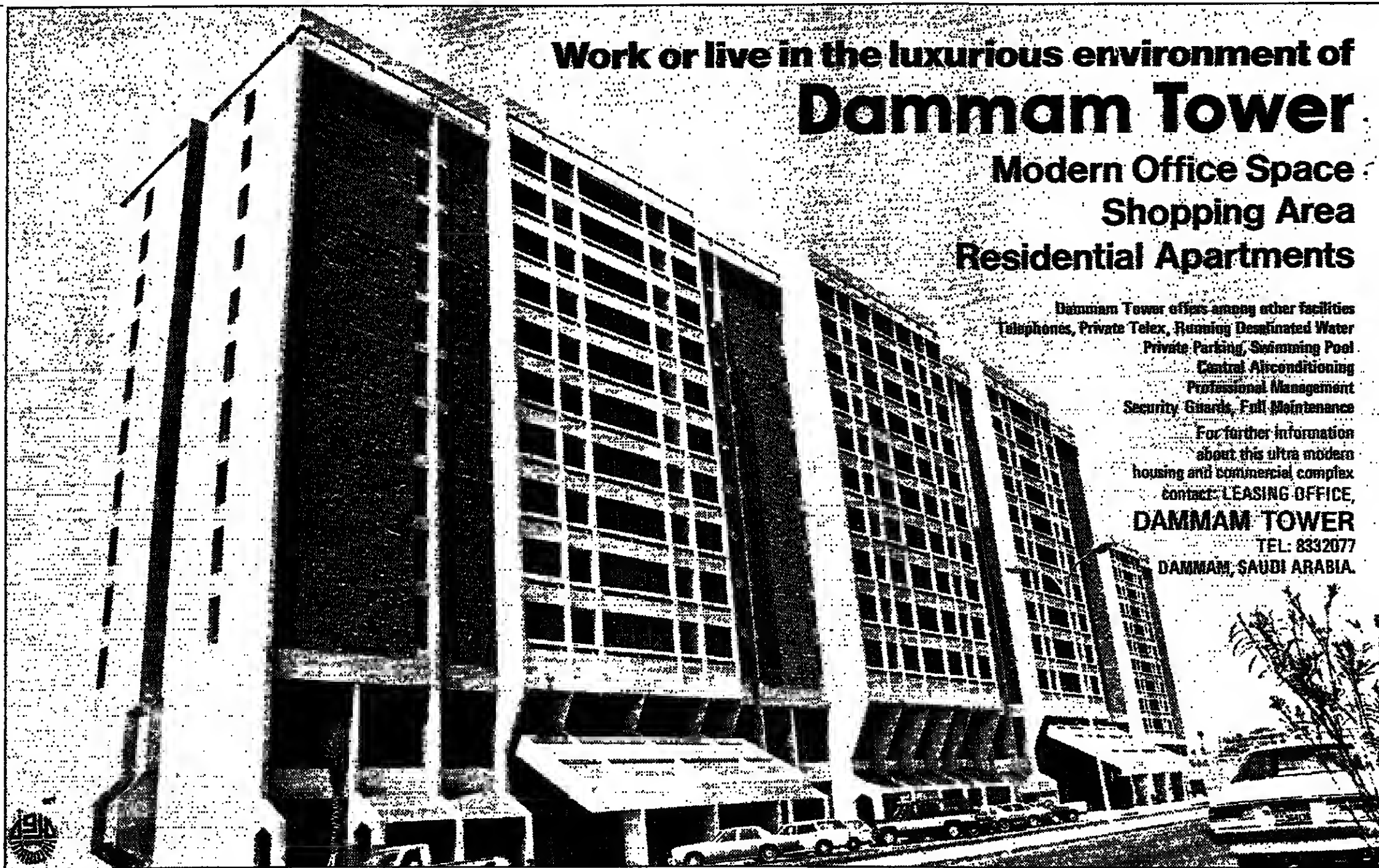
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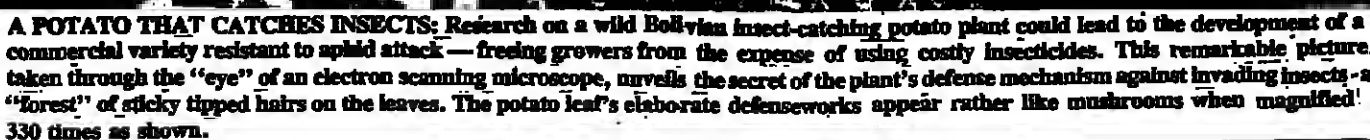
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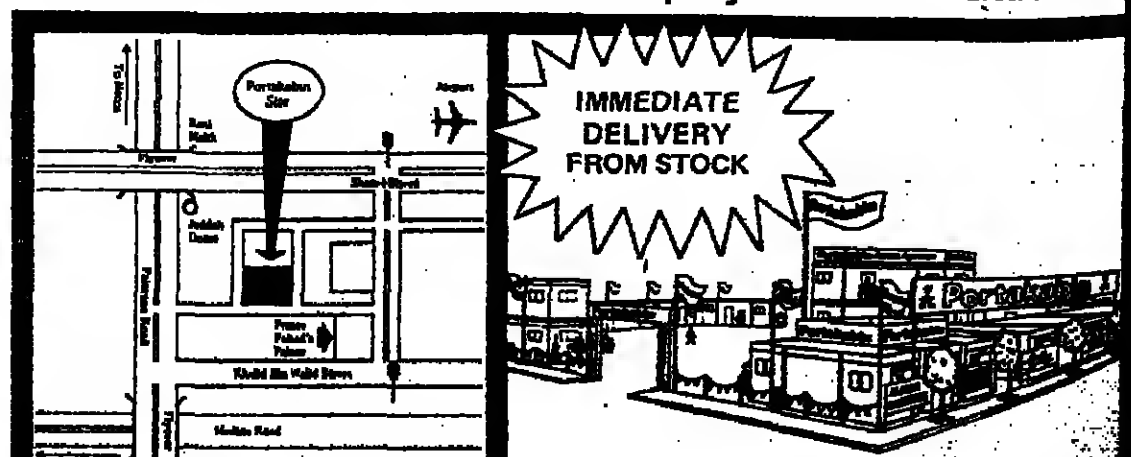
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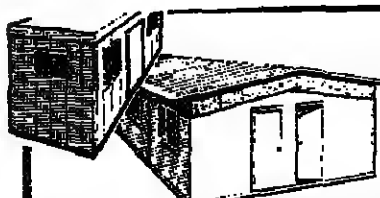
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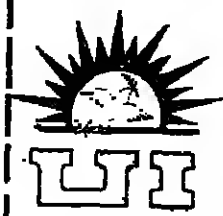
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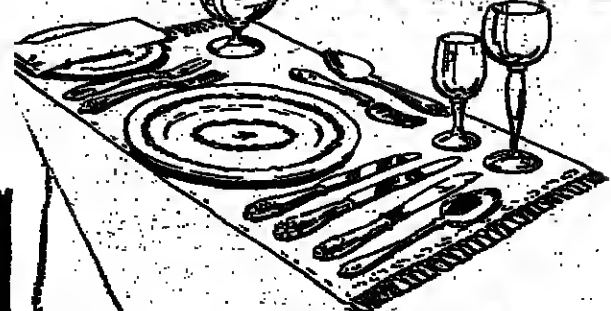
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International

Surprise announcement by Brezhnev

Soviets to withdraw 20,000 troops from East Germany

EAST BERLIN, Oct. 7 (Agencies) — President Leonid Brezhnev made a surprise announcement of Soviet troop and tank withdrawals from East Germany in a speech here Saturday night and called on the West to respond with similar moves.

Brezhnev said Moscow would pull out 20,000 troops and 1,000 tanks within the next 12 months as a gesture of its sincere commitment to East-West détente and determination to make a breakthrough in European disarmament. He also offered to cutback Moscow's arsenal of medium-range nuclear missiles.

The Soviet Union at present has nearly 400,000 soldiers and 7,000 tanks stationed in East Germany as part of its "frontline" Warsaw Pact forces.

Western officials cautiously welcomed the announcement as an important unilateral step but said it would take time to learn its full implications. In Washington, the U.S. State Department said the speech appeared to contain some positive elements and was being studied closely.

In Vienna, a NATO spokesman saw the unilateral initiatives as an attempt to embarrass the West into making concessions at East-West troop reduction talks which have dragged on without results for six years.

They said the troop reduction was only a token step, but the tank withdrawals would mean a 10 per cent drop in Soviet bloc armor in Central Europe.

The Soviet initiative will mean the first major force reductions in Central Europe for more than six years.

Brezhnev made the dramatic announcement before 2,000 Communist officials and foreign dignitaries in East Berlin's three-

year-old Palace of the Republic. He is in East Berlin as guest of honor at celebrations marking the 30th anniversary of the state's foundation.

The 72-year-old Kremlin chief said Moscow was also ready to reduce its arsenal of medium-range nuclear missiles on condition that NATO refrained from boosting its own rocket forces in Western Europe.

The offer was a clear attempt to influence NATO discussions on whether to deploy U.S. medium-range missiles in West Germany and other NATO states. Ministers from the Western alliance are expected to reach a decision on the issue in December.

NATO officials claim the new missiles are imperative to counter the deployment of at least 100 Soviet missiles capable of reaching any target in Europe.

In Brussels Saturday night spokesman for the Western alliance said NATO would first acquire new long-range atomic weapons and then negotiate on a balanced reduction.

Brezhnev vehemently denied the Warsaw Pact was building up its military might and said his new initiative was a "concrete demonstration of the love of peace and good will" of the Soviet Union and its allies.

He made the speech flanked by the leaders of all the Soviet bloc states except Romania.

The Soviet chief confounded Western expectations that he would blast the Carter administration over its controversial allegations that Moscow had up to 3,000 combat troops in Cuba.

Western diplomats here said Soviet concern over opposition in the U.S. Senate to the U.S.-Soviet SALT-II arms limitation accord might have influenced Brezhnev's decision not to further increase tension be-



COMMUNIST KISS: Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev embraces East German leader Erich Honecker on his arrival for East Germany's national day late last week. Saturday Brezhnev announced a reduction in Soviet troops in that state.

ween the two superpowers.

The ailing Communist chief made several long pauses during his 35-minute speech and occasionally had trouble with his words. People close at hand said he was very unsteady when he finished and feverishly mopped his brow with a white handkerchief.

During an hour-long speech by East German head of state Erich Honecker, the Soviet

president stared vacantly into space. Other

leaders alongside him frequently turned to

look at him with expressions of deep concern.

After the palace ceremony, Brezhnev

stayed less than half an hour to watch a

gigantic torchlight procession of more than a

quarter of a million Communist youth mem-

bers through the city center. The procession

lasted three hours.

But U.S. resumes spy flights

All is quiet for the troops at Guantanamo

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba, Oct. 7 (Agencies) — Young American Marines pace the bleached and dusty roads and keep a watchful eye on the Cuban soldiers in the hills above.

Between the two patrols is a steel fence and a minefield that stretch in an arc for 17 miles. Faded red signs warn of the danger.

They are all that stands between Fidel Castro and the United States to hold in Cuba — Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, the only American base of Communist-ruled territory in the world.

Despite the potential threat, Guantanamo Bay carries on at a sunny, sleepy pace which entices eight in every ten married military men at the base to voluntarily extend their tours.

Guantanamo Bay is not tense, nervous place one might expect as a center of attention in the diplomatic row between Washington and Moscow over Soviet troops in Cuba.

In a few days 1,800 marines will storm ashore across Guantanamo's rugged beach-line in a mock reinforcement exercise to demonstrate U.S. capabilities in the region.

That is part of President Jimmy Carter's answer to the presence of a Soviet combat

brigade of 2,000 to 3,000 troops 500 miles



Fidel Castro

away on the other side of the Caribbean

island.

Moscow insists the soldiers are only a train-

ing unit stationed in Cuba for the past 17

years and refuses to withdraw them.

It has been one of the tensest recent dis-

putes between Washington and Moscow, but

more than 60 reporters permitted into Guan-

tanamo this week found base residents from

the naval commander down saying life had

not changed since the trouble blew up.

Guantanamo has seen exercises before, as recently as 1975, and its 6,000 residents are looking forward to getting the latest one over with so that the island peace can return.

U.S. Marines first stormed ashore here in 1898 during the Spanish-American War. A

truce signed in 1903 during President Theodore Roosevelt's administration made it a

U.S. naval base.

It has remained American property, with added airfields and fortifications ever since, despite periodic threats during the 20 years of Fidel Castro's rule to seize it.

Cuban soldiers still patrol its perimeter all

the time, according to Capt. Carlton Carter.

"We carry out our daily operations and

they carry out theirs," he told reporters visit-

ing northeast gate, the base's sole access to

Castro territory.

But, he said there was never any yelling,

waving or other contact between the two

sides. The Americans did not in any way feel

threatened, he said.

Among the residents are 268 Cuban exiles

and 123 Cubans who "commute" onto the

base daily to do odd jobs.

At the entrance, they must strip naked and

be searched by Cuban guards, apparently to

stop any flow of messages.

Life for the Americans revolves around the

visits by 70 to 80 naval ships each year that

bring in marines for refresher training.

The bay, one of the biggest and best shel-

tered in the world, is the main training base

for the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

A \$15 million building program is under

way though some of the barracks where this

month's visiting marines will stay need some

paint and new screens.

Some marines extend their tour on the base

so that they can carry on fishing, scuba diving

and swimming in the blue Caribbean waters.

The base has swimming pools, baseball

fields, a motorcycle race track, a coral with

horses for riding in the hills, its own radio

and television station and even a zoo with

iguanas, banana rats, a monkey and a jackass.

It is, for many of its residents, not so differ-

ent from a bargain-rate seaside resort.

While all appears normal here, back in

Washington the dispute over the Soviet

troops simmers on, and Friday the U.S.

resumed spy plane flights over Cuba for the

first time since last fall, administration officials

said.